

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**  
**DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES**  
**NEWS RELEASE**



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**UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 34**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-32-12**

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 34 closes set gillnetting in the General Subdistrict (see Figure 1) of the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet on Thursday, August 9, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Little Susitna River coho salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) is 10,100–17,700 fish. By August 8, about 40 percent of the run has historically passed upstream of the weir, which is located at river mile 32.5. The weir count through August 7 was 515. Run timing can be highly variable for coho salmon; however, at this time, even based on a record late run-timing model, the SEG is projected to not be met. Therefore, it is prudent to close the commercial set gillnet in the General Subdistrict of the Northern District to conserve coho salmon bound for the Little Susitna River.

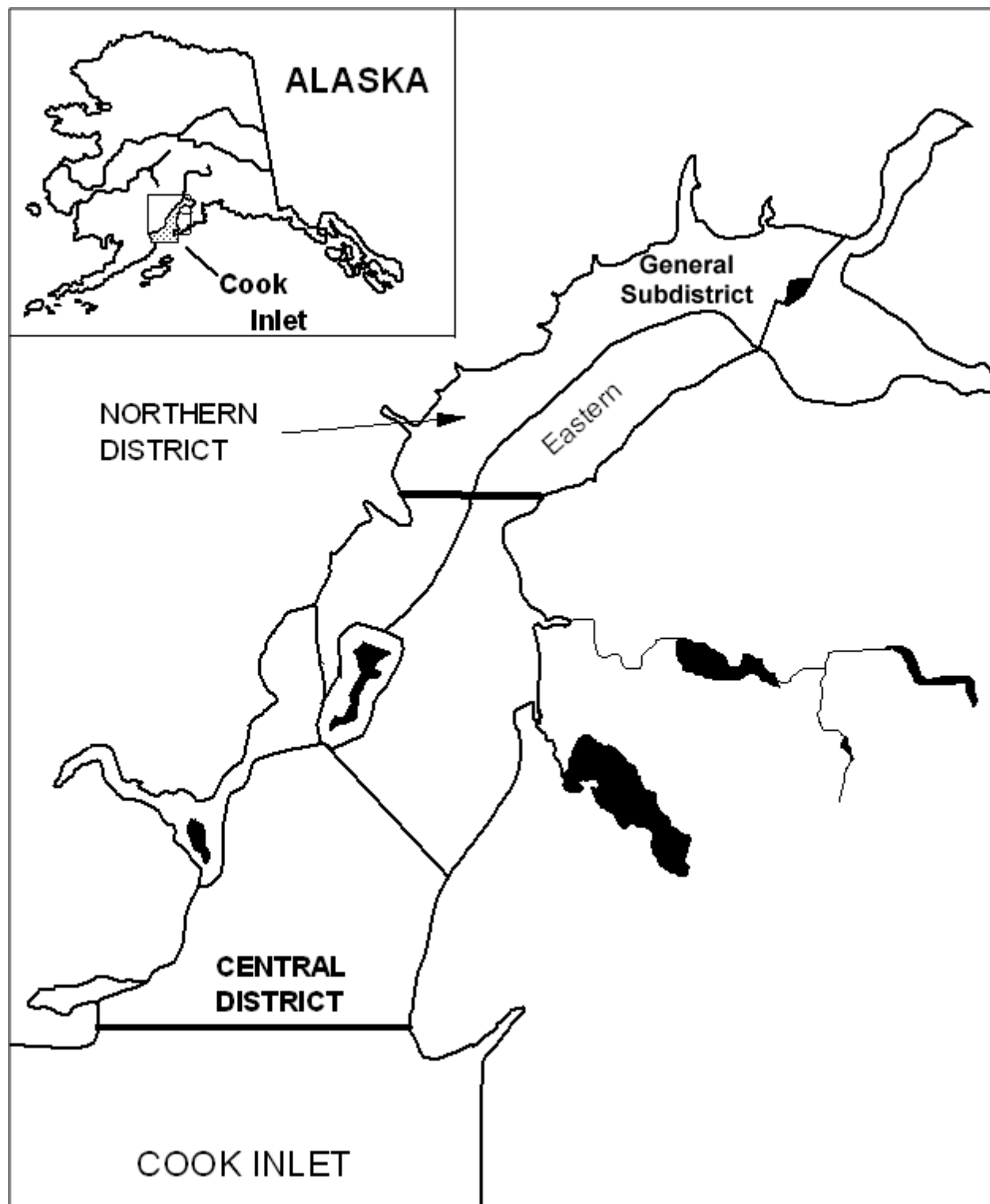


Figure 1. Map of Northern District commercial fishing subdistricts.